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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Group Art Unit: 2756 KAZUHIKO HACHIYA ET AL. Examiner: T. Vu Application No. 08/992,770 **AMENDMENT** Filed: December 17, 1997 - 95 2001 Ferry Bldg. Ph.: 415-433-4150 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC SENDING OF E-MAIL AND **AUTOMATIC SENDING** CONTROL PROGRAM -SUPPLYING MEDIUM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 20, 1000, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

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detecting one or more events corresponding to one or more of a plurality of agent parameters of a virtual agent, said agent parameters configured to determine the behavior of said virtual agent; and

(New) A method of providing a virtual agent, comprising the steps

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